

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 05851 282346Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
DHA-02 MCT-01 EB-08 DOTE-00 FAA-00 CAB-02 /065 W
-----290921Z 038108 /13

R 281615Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6799
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD
AMCONSUL MUNICH
USIA WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 5851

USIA FOR IPS, IBS, IEU, IOP

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS HIGHJACKING AFFAIR

REF: MOSCOW 4863

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRAVDA FOR APRIL 28 CARRIES A TASS DESPATCH DATED NEW YORK. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THEY ARE HIDING CRIMINALS," THE TASS STORY UPDATES THE BRAZINSKAS AFFAIR.

2. ACCORDING TO TASS, "OFFICIAL WASHINGTON" HAD PREVIOUSLY KEPT SILENT ON AFFAIR AND HAD REFUSED TO ANSWER A LETTER FROM THE CREW OF THE HIGHJACKED AIRPLANE. NOW, HOWEVER, IT HAD GONE AS FAR AS TO "FORMALLY INVESTIGATE THE VIOLATION BY THE KILLERS OF THE EMIGRATION LAWS OF THE U.S., CONCERNING 'ILLEGAL' ENTRANCE INTO THE COUNTRY." DESPATCH GOES ON TO NOTE THAT A COURT HEARING WAS HELD ON APRIL 21 IN NEW YORK CONCERNING THE ELDER BRAZINSKAS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 05851 282346Z

HE DID NOT APPEAR; HIS LAWYER ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD MOVED TO CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED A CHANGE IN VENUE. THE YOUNGER BRAZINSKAS HAS BEEN TRIED BY A COURT IN BOSTON AND ORDERED TO BE EXPelled. THE HEAD OF INS, BOSTON, O. KRAMER, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT A NEW REQUEST BY YOUNGER BRAZINSKAS TO STAY IN THE U.S. "WILL BE CAREFULLY STUDIED."

3. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT TO JUDGE FROM ALL THIS AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THE POLICY OF SHELTERING KILLERS, WHICH CONTRASTS WITH REPEATED DECLARATIONS OF U.S. LEADERS ON THE NECESSITY OF CURBING AIR PIRACY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: LATEST PRAVDA PIECE KEEPS THE POT BOILING ON THE BRAZINSKAS AFFAIR AND ALLOWS SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS TO STATE THAT THE USG IS SHELTERING CRIMINALS. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME. TOON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, EXTRADITION, TERRORISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 28-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decapton Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MOSCOW05851
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770150-0159
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770410/aaaaahqc.tel
Line Count: 74
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 02deb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MOSCOW 4863
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2659133
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BRAZINSKAS HIGHJACKING AFFAIR
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UR, US, (BRAZINSKAS)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/02deb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009